

the wishes of said testator in exercising a power which he legally possessed at the date of the execution of his said last will and testament; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Eliza Randall, widow of the said testator and the executrix of and residuary legatee, under the said last will and testament, be and she is hereby authorized and empowered, by her last will and testament, or by deed or deeds of manumission, duly executed and recorded among the records of Anne Arundel county, to manumit and set free after her death, the said negro slaves, and any and all issue which they may have had since the death of the said testator, and which they may have during the life of the said Eliza Randall; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

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#### JAMES REDDIT.

AN ACT to make valid certain deeds from Thomas James Reddit, known as James Reddit, Jr., of Dorchester county, to James Reddit, of Dorchester county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a deed executed by Thomas James Reddit, known and mentioned in said deed as James Reddit, Jr., of Dorchester county, to James Reddit, of Dorchester county, dated on the fifth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and recorded in Liber F J H., number two, folios five hundred and nine-six and five hundred and ninety-seven, one of the Land Record Books of said county; and a certain other deed executed by the said Thomas James Reddit, known as James Reddit, Jr., to the said James Reddit, dated on the twenty-fourth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and recorded in Liber F. J. H., number three, folios one hundred and sixty-four and one hundred and sixty-five, one of the Land Record Books of said county, be and the same are hereby declared and made good and valid in law; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the rights of any creditor of the said Thomas James Reddit, otherwise called James Reddit, Jr., existing at the date of said deeds.

SEC 2. *And be it enacted*, This act shall take effect from the date of its passage.